



## **King County**

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Mr. Chris Hladick  
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Dear Mr. Hladick:

On behalf of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks I want to express our sincere gratitude for EPA Region 10's Superfund and Emergency Management Division's response actions at the May Creek Removal Project located in Renton, WA (Charles Pillon property). This property was subject to illegal dumping for many years, until the State of Washington was able to convict the owner for violations of dangerous and solid waste rules. Over 50,000 cubic feet of refuse was deposited on the site, along with hundreds of containers of hazardous waste.

At the request of King County and the state, EPA Region 10 responded to the site to address immediate hazards and conduct initial soil, surface water and groundwater sampling. The response action safely characterized and disposed of over 1,700 containers of hazardous substances and 200 tons of contaminated soil. In addition, EPA excavated test pits in the landfill area, sampled soils and surface water throughout the site and installed seven groundwater monitoring wells. The data from these site characterization efforts will provide critical information for assessing the long term environmental impacts of this site, and thereby better enable the state and county to take appropriate actions to protect our residents and the local environment.

In addition to expressing our gratitude to EPA management for authorizing this project, we particularly want to commend the EPA On-Scene Coordinator, Jeffrey Fowlow, his direct manager Wally Moon, EPA legal counsel led by Kris Leefer and all of the other EPA staff and contractors involved in these successful efforts.

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The assistance from EPA was invaluable both from the standpoint of expediting critical response actions and in establishing a comprehensive framework for assessing soil and groundwater impacts. The partnership joined by the EPA, state and county to address this environmental threat exemplifies the synergy and benefits achieved by effective inter-jurisdictional partnerships.

Once again we thank you for EPA Region 10's assistance on this time-sensitive and critical environmental issue.

Sincerely,



Christie True  
Director

cc: The Honorable Dow Constantine, King County Executive  
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